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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2. Remarks begin on page 7.

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I hereby certify that this Request To Restriction Requirement and Amendment is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on November 26, 2003.

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